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To the HONOURABLE,  
**The Knights, Citizens and Burgeses**  
**In PARLIAMENT Assembled.**

*The humble Petition of many of the Gentlemen, Citizens and Inhabitants within the City of London,  
County of Middlesex, and parts adjacent.*

Sheweth,

**T**HAT this Kingdom hath for many Years past lain under the Miseries of **Popery** and **Arbitrary Power**, and was brought to the very brink of Ruine and Destruction, until His Majesty the then Prince of Orange undertook the Glorious Design of delivering us from **Popery** and **Slavery**: And your Petitioners do believe, that the reason that induced His Majesty to give His Royal Assent to make the *Convention* a *Parliament*, was, because the speedy Relieving our Grievances would not admit the delay of calling another; but your Petitioners as yet have not found their Grievances Redressed, nor any of those Persons brought to Justice, who were the Instruments of introducing that Tyrannical Government, under which we groaned; but on the contrary, your Petitioners do observe, that many of those Persons who were the Authors and Advisers of our late Miseries; some of which stand now Impeached in *Parliament*, boldly concern themselves in the management of publick Affairs, which makes your Petitioners have Just cause to apprehend, that if their Grievances be not speedily Redressed, they shall fall into the same Calamities.

*Therefore your Petitioners do humbly beseech this Honourable House, immediately after You have supplied His Majesty with necessary Aids for the Support and Security of His Government, to give your Petitioners and the Nation Relief in the particular Grievances following.*

*First.* That a thorough and effectual Enquiry be made into such as were guilty of **Corrupting Members of Parliament**, and allowing them Pensions, to the end that they might sell their Country, and by that means Establish an **Arbitrary Power** over the Religion, Lives and Libertyes of the Free-born men of *England*.

*II.* That all Counsellors, Judges and Lawyers, who were Notorious in the **Illegal Prosecutions and Judgment, in the Quo Warrantos** against the City of *London* and other Corporations, may receive the Punishment, to the end that the Rights of Election to Parliament may be preserved to the People.

*III.* That such Counsellors, Judges, Lawyers and Solicitors, who were active in the **Illegal Prosecution of the Lord Russell, the Honourable Algernone Sidney, Mr. Cornish** and others, may receive Punishment, as the nature of the Crimes require.

*IV.* That the **Illegal and Unparallel'd Whipping** of Dr. Oats and Mr. John [unclear] may be considered, and the Inventers and Directors of it brought to Punishment.

*V.* That the Methods that were lately practiced in **The West**, and other parts of the Kingdom, in Tryals of men for their Lives, may be thoroughly examined, and what Sums of Money were extorted from innocent Persons, to save their Lives, to the end, that for the future, Englishmen may be legally Tried, as Free-men ought to be, and not butchered and destroyed, like Beasts of Prey.

*VI.* That those Judges may receive Punishment according to their Demerits, that gave their Opinions, That the King might **Dispense** with the Laws.

*VII.* That those that advised, or acted by Vertue of the late **Illegal and Oppressive Ecclesiastical Commission**, may be brought to Condign Punishment.

*That your Petitioners ( being highly sensible of the imminent Dangers that they now lye under, by the Loss of Ireland, and being apprehensive what Miseries this Kingdom may fall into, if great Offenders pass with Impunity ) are stirred up to make their Application to This Honourable House, to give your Petitioners, and the whole Nation, Relief, in the Grievances aforesaid; for until that be done, your Petitioners cannot look upon their Religion, Lives, Laws and Liberties, to be in any Security.*